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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WEBB'S CANDIES, INC., individually and on behalf of a class of all those similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

CADBURY ADAMS CANADA, INC.,
CADBURY SCHWEPPES PLC, HERSHEY
CANADA INC., THE HERSHEY COMPANY,
MARS CANADA INC., MARS,
INCORPORATED, MARS NORTH AMERICA,
MARS SNACKFOODS U.S.A. LLC, NESTLE
CANADA INC., NESTLE S.A., NESTLE USA,
INC., AND ITWAL LTD.

Defendants.

Case No.: 08 CV 00382 [ F/CC

**ECF CASE** 

STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER PKC

WHEREAS Plaintiff filed a Complaint in the above-captioned case on or about January 15, 2008;

WHEREAS Plaintiff alleges price fixing of chocolate;

WHEREAS at least forty complaints have been filed to date in federal district courts throughout the United States by plaintiffs purporting to bring class actions on behalf of direct and indirect purchasers alleging antitrust violations by manufacturers, distributors, and sellers of Chocolate (collectively "the Chocolate Cases");

WHEREAS several motions are pending before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict

Litigation to transfer the Chocolate Cases for coordinated and consolidated pretrial proceedings

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1407, and plaintiff and defendants The Hershey Company, Mars,

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Incorporated, and Nestle U.S.A., Inc. (collectively, "the Chocolate Companies") anticipate that additional responses will be filed;

WHEREAS plaintiff anticipates the possibility of Consolidated Amended Complaints in the Chocolate Cases;

WHEREAS plaintiff and the Chocolate Companies have agreed that an orderly schedule for any response to the pleadings in the Chocolate Cases would be more efficient for the parties and for the Court;

WHEREAS no prior extensions have been granted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and among the undersigned counsel for all parties herein, subject to approval of the Court, as follows:

- The deadline for the Chocolate Companies to answer, move, or otherwise 1. respond to plaintiff's Complaint shall be extended until the earliest of the following dates: (1) forty-five days after the filing of a Consolidated Amended Complaint in the Chocolate Cases; or (2) forty-five days after plaintiff provides written notice to the Chocolate Companies that plaintiff does not intend to file a Consolidated Amended Complaint, provided however, that in the event that the Chocolate Companies should agree or be ordered to respond prior to that date in any Chocolate case, the Chocolate Companies will respond to the Complaint in the abovecaptioned case on that earlier date.
- 2. The defense counsel identified below shall accept service of the complaint filed in this case, including any amended or consolidated complaint, on behalf of the domestic entities that they represent. Defendants shall not contest the sufficiency of process or service of process; provided, however, that by entering into this Stipulation no Defendant waives any other

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defense, including but not limited to the defense of lack of personal or subject matter jurisdiction, improper venue, or service of an improper entity.

- 3. The plaintiff will not to seek discovery until the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation rules on the pending motions to transfer and the transferee district enters a case management order, provided, however, that in the event that the Chocolate Companies should agree or be ordered to provide discovery in any Chocolate case before that date, the Chocolate Companies will simultaneously provide the same discovery to the plaintiff in the above-captioned action.
- 4. This extension is available, without further stipulation with counsel for plaintiff, to all named defendants.

Dated: February 13, 2008

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SO ORDERED

Hon. P. Kevin Castel, U.S.D.J.

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